

PROPOSAL 233

5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts; 5 AAC 05.330. Gear; and 5 AAC 05.350. Closed waters.

Clarify the District 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 after July 15, as follows:

5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts

(a) District 1 consists of that portion of the Yukon [RIVER DRAINAGE] **Area** from the latitude of Point Romanof extending south and west, **including the coastal waters within three miles seaward from any grassland bank,** along the coast of the delta to **the ADF&G regulatory marker located on the beach approximately one nautical mile south from the mouth** [THE TERMINUS] of Black River upstream to the northern edge of the mouth of the Anuk River and all waters of the Black River.

5 AAC 05.330. Gear

(a) In Districts 1 – 3, set gillnets and drift gillnets only may be operated, except that in District 1 after July 15 set gillnets only may be operated in the following locations:

(8) waters within [ONE] **three** nautical [MILE] **miles** seaward from any grassland bank in District 1.

5 AAC 05.350. Closed waters

(2) waters farther than three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 from [APOON PASS] **Point Romanof** extending west and south to a line extending seaward from an ADF&G regulatory marker located on the beach approximately one nautical mile south from the mouth of Black River;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This seeks guidance and clarification from the Board of Fisheries on intent regarding the set gillnet fishery in coastal waters of Yukon Area District 1 and the new drift gillnet fishery in expanded coastal waters of District 1. The intent of the original proposals that lead to creation of this new fishery was to maintain the set gillnet fishery in coastal waters of District 1, not to create a new drift gillnet fishery in expanded coastal waters, and it is unclear if the board was aware of this unforeseen effect/error when the regulation was adopted.

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